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1. WE HAVE HAD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTER BANGUE-TANDET CONCERNING THE SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF THE AIDSAT DEMONSTRATION (REF C). HE HAS SHOWN HIMSELF TO BE ACUTELY SENSITIVE TO THE PROTOCOL ASPECTS OF THE DEMONSTRATION AND HAS ASKED THAT PRESIDENT BOKASSA'S RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT FORD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW PRESIDENT FORD'S

STATEMENT IN THE FIRST PART OF THE PROGRAM. THIS WILL HAVE THE EFFECT OF REMOVING BOKASSA FROM DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN THE PANEL DISCUSSION AND PROVIDE A MORE APPROPRIATE SYMBOLIC EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS. I WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER YOU CAN DO TO OBTAIN AID'S AGREEMENT WHICH WE HAVE REQUESTED REF C. I UNDERSTAND A SIMILAR REQUEST FROM PRIME MINISTER

2. I AM DELIGHTED AT PROSPECT OF YOUR PARTICIPATION IN PANEL DISCUSSION WHICH WILL INCLUDE SENIOR GOCAR OFFICIALS AND MINSTERS. IF YOU PARTICIPATE IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLY THAT THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER AN/OR THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION WILL TAKE PART. SINCE, UNDER REVISED PROGRAM, YOU WILL NOT BE FOLLOWING PRESIDENT BOKASSA, PROTOCOL PROBLEMS TO WHICH GOCAR IS SO SENSITIVE WILL NOT ARISE.

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TWO POSSIBILITIES FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION OCCUR TO US.

EITHER YOU CAN LEAD OFF PANEL DISCUSSION WITH STATEMENT ABOUT THE GENERAL CONTEXT FOR OUR ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION OR YOU COULD PLAN TO RESPOND TO ONE OF THE QUESTIONS DIRECTLY, FOR EXAMPLE A QUESTION RELATING TO FUTURE US PROGRAMS.

3. IN EITHER PRESENTATION THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS TO STRESS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) IN THIS BICENTENNIAL OF OUR OWN REVOLUTION WE HAVE NOED WITH SYMPATHETIC INTEREST PRESIDENT BOKASSA'S DECISION TO BRING ABOUT REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES IN THE CAR BY MOBILIZING THE YOUNGER GENERATION OF THE COUNTRY;

(B) WE ARE AWARE OF AND SUPPORT THE GOCAR'S EFFORTS TO ACCELERATE DEVELOPMENT UNDER PRESIDENT BOKASSA'S LEADERSHIP;

(C) WE SUPPORT THE BASIC PRIORITIES WHICH THE GOCAR HAS SET IN TERMS OF IMPROVING THE LOT OF THE RURAL MASSES THROUGH PROGRAMS IN AGRICULTURE, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND NUTRITION;

(D) WE APPRECIATE THE CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN RECENT YEARS AND THE EFFORTS WHICH PRESIDENT BOKASSA HAS MADE TO PROMOTE PEACE IN THE REGION.

(E) BECAUSE OF THE RECIPROCITY OF OUR INTERESTS WE HOPE FOR AN EXPANDED AID EFFORT IN THE YEARS AND MONTHS TO COME TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE LIMITED RESOURCES AVAILABLE, THE CAR'S OWN DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES, AND OUR CONGRESSIONAL GUIDELINES WHICH ENCOURAGE AMERICAN ASSISTANCE IN FOOD AND NUTRITION, HEALTH, AND EDUCATION.

(F) WE LOOK FORWARD TO DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE RESPONSIBLE GOCAR OFFICIALS ON WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE.
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